

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3314**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Andy Harris  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
Drug Administration

The Honorable Sanford Bishop  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
Drug Administration

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

I am requesting funding for NourishMeck: Hunger Hub for Hope in fiscal year 2024. The recipient of this funding for would be Loaves & Fishes, a non-profit organization located at 648 Griffith Road, Charlotte, NC 28217. The funding would be allocated to expand into a more substantial facility to effectively serve the food insecure population in the greater Charlotte area. Utilizing taxpayer funds for this project is justifiable as it aims to provide food to residents in food deserts and reduce food insecurity in our region.

By investing in the NourishMeck project, we can significantly decrease food insecurity in our community. These efforts include increasing access to nutritious food, supporting local food systems, and fostering collaboration among various organizations to provide targeted assistance. The project also aims to raise public awareness about food insecurity, promoting a more comprehensive understanding of the issue and encouraging broader community engagement.

The project has a federal nexus, as its purpose aligns with the objectives authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code Section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jeff Jackson  
Member of Congress